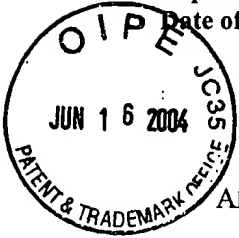


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**RESPONSE TO JANUARY 16, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for two months, up to and including June 16, 2004, with the required fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.